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The Honorable Fran Pavley State Senator, 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Julia Brownley Assemblymember, 41<sup>st</sup> District State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0041

Dear Senator Pavley and Assemblywoman Brownley:

Thank you for your letter of May 24th, 2010 regarding EPA's future role at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site (SSFL). Last week my staff had a conference call on the issues raised in your letter with your respective chiefs of staff, Louise Rishoff and Bill Craven. As stated during this call, EPA is supportive of the State of California and the Department of Energy's (DOE) efforts to reach a settlement.

Over the past several weeks, we have been actively participating in discussions with these parties to better understand the technical role and responsibilities envisioned for EPA and how it will be coordinated with a comprehensive cleanup effort at SSFL. We believe we can meet the needs of the parties.

Thank you again for your letter and your ongoing efforts to support the cleanup of the SSFL site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Mr. Jim Vreeland, Congressional Liaison, at (415) 947-4298.

Sincerely,

Jarred Blumenteld